

Iowa Council on Homelessness
Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2006

Present:

Anne Brown
Patrick Nestvedt
Mario Hayslett
Douglas Keast
Lila Starr
Anne Kinzel
Amy Knudsen
Donna Eggleston
Rose Wazny
Erin Haafke
David Eberbach
Julie Eberbach
Lyle Schwery
Callie Sheil
Helen Wood
Allan Fraizer
Greg Phiffer
Stephanie Simbric
Melissa Fulton
Eddie Fraizer

Diane Foss
Bob Stebban
Virginia Beam
Jean Brown
Terry Dunwalt
Sister Charla
Michelle Brown
Ann Hearn
Don Tine
Jenny Manders
Al Axeen
David Hicks
Gene Bergen
Judy Songers
Mike Wood
James Walker
Linda Walker
Emily Fischer
Jeff Gronstal
Ray Morley

Call to Order & Introduction

Chairman Keast called the July 26, 2006, meeting of the Iowa Council for Homelessness to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was not established.

Introductions were made by those present at the host site and at the remote ICN locations.

May 19, 2006 Agenda

Chair Keast introduced the May 19, 2006, agenda for approval.

Motion: On a motion by Mr. Gronstal and a second by Ms. Starr, the Council unanimously approved the May 19, 2006, agenda.

May 19, 2006 Minutes

Chair Keast introduced the May 19, 2006, minutes for approval.

Motion: On a motion by Mr. Morley and a second by Ms. Brown, the Council unanimously approved the May 19, 2006 minutes.

Executive Committee Report

Ms. Ann Kinzel briefed the Council on the council operating rules and mentioned that she thought the council should change from 18 to 24 members whom are not employed through state agencies.

Mr. Schwery stated that the reason for the increase was because of a HUD requirement in the competitive application. They would like to see 65 percent from the private sector. He mentioned that 12 state agencies need to participate. The Council of Homelessness has previously changed from three to five members of the private sector. The Chair and Vice Chair rotate from public and private sector and serve a two year term rather than a one year term.

Ms. Kinzel stated that the more members the Council has the more difficult it is to have a quorum.

Ms. Foss asked if the council had given thought to providing alternates.

Ms. Kinzel mentioned that if the Council started to do that it would be more along the lines of asking agencies or entities rather than individuals to participate.

Ms. Starr stated that maybe the Council should look into having an attendance policy.

Approval of Bylaws

A motion was made by Ms. Kinzel to approve the reading of the bylaws as the first reading with the final approval at the next meeting in September. Seconded by Mr. Morley, the Council unanimously approved the motion.

Final Approval of Action Plan and Homeless Strategic Plan

On a motion by Ms. Kinzel and a second by Mr. Gronstal, the Council unanimously approved the Action Plan and Homeless Strategic Plan.

Mr. Morley asked if the Council is going to share the action plan and strategic plan with the public and if the directors of agencies and the Governor's office will get a chance to look at them as well.

Ms. Foss stated that they will definitely go to HUD and should go to the directors as well.

Ms. Starr mentioned that she would like to give an annual report to the Governors office.

Ms. Knudsen mentioned that she thinks an annual report should go to the legislature as well.

Ms. Eberbach mentioned considering having a report at every meeting that shows the progress of the plan.

Ms. Brown thought that each committee should identify there section of the plan on the report.

Mr. Gronstal made a motion for staff and Executive Committee to produce reports at each meeting on the progress of the action and strategic plans.

Nominating Committee Report

No activities to report. Ms. Starr mentioned she will give a report at the next meeting concerning the members of each committee and if they need more members.

Continuum of Care Committee

Ms Knudson mentioned that the next meeting for the Continuum of Care Committee would be on August 7, 2006, from 1:00p.m to 3:00p.m., and asked everyone to let Lyle Schwery know if they would like to participate on the committee. She mentioned that the problem of not having enough money left over to support the projects they are currently funding by the year of 2008.

Policy and Public Awareness Committee Report

Mr. Schwery mentioned that the Policy and Public Awareness Committee will meet on August 10, 2006, from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.. They are also looking for additional members to serve on the committee. He mentioned that at the August 10, 2006 meeting they will be coming up with a slate of ideas to go the legislature for their review. He also mentioned that they are trying to generate more sleep-out events across the state.

Mr. Mike Wood mentioned that it is not too late to some additional sleep-outs going this years. He mentioned that there will be a sleep-out in Sioux City on November 17, 2006, and are planning on around 200 participants, and the Sioux Land sleep-out will be held on August 15, 2006.

Ms. Knudson stated that the Des Moines sleep-out will be held on November 10, 2006, at the Drake University Stadium.

Mr. Axeen mentioned that the Iowa City sleep-out on the property of the shelter house. There will be dinner the night before with breakfast in the morning.

Mr. Schwery mentioned that himself and Mr. Keast plan on attending each sleep-out unless they fall on the same day.

Ms. Eberbach stated that on Friday October 6th the Cross Ministries will hold “The Homeless Blues” which is a blues concert that will be held at 7 Flags Event Center.

Research and Analysis Committee Report

Mr. Axeen mentioned that the Point and Time study is out and should be completed next week. He also mentioned that the committee has six members currently and would like to see two or three more.

Ms. Eberbach stated that the Council will want to look at and evaluate the recommendations of the Iowa Funds Study. She also mentioned that it would be a good idea to used IFA’s contact or liaison to encourage a contribution increase from the Governor’s office.

HMIS Committee Report

Ms. Eberbach mentioned that on July 1, 2006, the AHA reports completed and have received 30 reports as of July 25, 2006. The reports are do today and will go to HUD. She also mentioned that the 2006 National HMIS Conference will be held on September 18 – 19, 2006.

Mr. Dave Eberbach presented a chart on the destination of clients and case management outcomes. He also created reports to show how successful clients are doing.

Reports & Activities

Mr. Schwery mentioned that effective October 1, 2006, IFA will be moving its office to 2015 Grand Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, which used to be the old Iowa Lottery Building. He stated that everyone will be notified of IFA's new phone numbers.

Ms. Starr asked if the Iowa Council of Homelessness meeting will stay at their current location.

Mr. Schwery stated that the Council's meetings will remain at the same location. He also mentioned that he needed the Point and Time study sent to him via e-mail in two weeks and that he will post the Strategic Plan and Action Plan as well as all other documents on the website.

Old Business

There was no "old business" to discuss.

New Business

There was no "new business" to discuss.

Next Meeting Date

Chair Keast stated that the next Iowa Council of Homelessness meeting will be held, Friday, September 15, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: On a motion by Mr. Gronstal, seconded by Mr. Hayslett, the Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Council meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2006,

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

Callie Sheil, Secretary
Iowa Finance Authority

Doug Keast, Secretary
Iowa Council on Homelessness